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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT TO UNEF/UNDOF AND UNTSO

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1. WE DISCUSSED WITH UN SECRETARIAT DECEMBER 29 THE PROPOSED VISIT OF DOD OFFICERS TO UNEF, UNDOF AND UNTSO. SECRETARIAT HAD NO DIFFICULTY WITH UNTSO SEGMENT OF THE TRIP. REACTION TO UNEF/UNDOF VISIT WAS ALSO GENERALLY FAVORABLE, BUT WITH ONE IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION: IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TRIP'S PURPOSE IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO HELPING USG PROVIDE MOST SUITABLE MATERIAL FOR UN FORCES IN MOST EFFICIENT MANNER. WHAT MUST BE AVOIDED IS ANY APPEARANCE OF TELLING UN HOW BEST TO USE THE EQUIPMENT. (IN OTHER WORDS, TERMS OF REFERENCE IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF REFTEL WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE, I.E., THE USE OF DOD EXPERTISE TO ENSURE "MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF US RESOURCES DESTINED FOR UN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPERATIONS."

2. WHILE WELCOMING US VISIT AND RECOGNIZING ITS POTENTIAL USEFULNESS, UN OFFICIALS NOTED THAT PROPOSED TIME OF VISIT WAS EXACTLY WHEN UNEF ACTIVITY IN CARRYING OUT SINAI DISENGAGEMENT WOULD BE AT ITS MOST INTENSE. THEY HOPED, THEREFORE, THAT US OFFICERS WOULD UNDERSTAND IF THEY DID NOT RECEIVE QUITE THE HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION THEY OTHERWISE WOULD.

3. RE PARAGRAPH TWO, REFTEL, COLONEL JONES (USUN/MSO) HAS A JOB-RELATED INTEREST IN ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR US MILITARY OBSERVERS ASSIGNED TO UNTSO, AS WELL AS IN LOGISTICS MATTERS. THEREFORE, UNLESS DEPARTMENT OR DOD OBJECTS, COLONEL JONES INTENDS TO VISIT UNTSO SENIOR STAFF PERSONNEL AND AS MANY US OBSERVERS AS FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE.

4. COMMENT:

MISSION AGREES WITH SECRETARIAT THAT A TRIP WHOSE PURPOSE COULD BE DESCRIBED BY SOVIETS AS PROVIDING US MILITARY ADVICE ON UNEF/UNDOF ACTIVITIES WOULD BE BEGGING FOR TROUBLE FOR BOTH USG AND UN. WE THEREFORE ARE UNABLE TO VIEW TRIP FAVORABLY UNLESS IT CAN BE TAILORED TO UN REQUIREMENTS. (WE TAKE IT THIS IS IN ANY CASE BASICALLY WHAT STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE IN MIND.) PLEASE INFORM US BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IF THIS IS AGREEABLE. IF IT IS, AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN WILL SEND A FORMAL LETTER TO UNDER-SECRETARIES GENERAL GUYER AND URQUHART DESCRIBING DATES AND PURPOSES OF VISIT AND COMPOSITION OF TEAM.
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